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THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20505

Intelligence Community Staff

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Members of the Committee on Foreign Intelligence  
FROM : [REDACTED]  
Deputy to the DCI for the Intelligence Community  
SUBJECT : CFI Meeting - 4 May on the NRP

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1. As your offices already have been advised, the CFI will meet at 1000 hours on Tuesday, 4 May, in Room 120 East Building, 2430 E Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., to consider the National Reconnaissance Program. The presentation will be given primarily by the National Reconnaissance Office.

2. The Director, NRO, report was provided to you last week.

3. Attached is a briefing book which contains supplementary and explanatory material relating to the topic of the meeting.

4. While the briefings will be primarily informational in nature, the DNRO will seek CFI concurrence on two matters: The

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Attachment:  
Briefing Book

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NATIONAL RECONNAISSANCE PROGRAM REVIEW

DCI TALKING POINTS

- TODAY, OUR ENTIRE MEETING WILL BE DEVOTED TO A REVIEW OF THE NATIONAL RECONNAISSANCE PROGRAM.
- MR. PLUMMER AND HIS PEOPLE WILL PROVIDE A FINANCIAL OVERVIEW AND STATUS REPORT ON EACH OF THE MAJOR SYSTEMS.
- THIS WILL SET THE STAGE FOR OUR DELIBERATIONS DURING THE SUMMER AND FALL ON THE FY 1978 BUDGET.
- THE SESSION IS ESSENTIALLY INFORMATIONAL, ALTHOUGH PRELIMINARY GUIDANCE IS NEEDED ON:

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- BEFORE WE GET INTO THE BRIEFING, I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE A MINUTE TO ADD MY CONCERNS TO THOSE EXPRESSED BY MR. PLUMMER IN HIS REPORT ON THE OVERALL FUNDING REQUIREMENTS FOR FY 1978.
- AS MR. PLUMMER INDICATED, THE CURRENT FY 1978 PROGRAM REPRESENTS AN INCREASE [REDACTED] OVER OUR FY 1977 PROGRAM.
- THIS DOES NOT INCLUDE CERTAIN OTHER HIGHLY DESIRABLE INITIATIVES, LIKE [REDACTED]
- I THINK IT FAIRLY OBVIOUS WE ARE NOT GOING TO BE ABLE TO ACCOMMODATE ALL OF OUR REQUIREMENTS.
- THUS, WE ARE GOING TO HAVE TO TAKE A VERY HARD LOOK AT TOTAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS IN TERMS OF THEIR RELATIVE PRIORITY. WE MIGHT ASK THE IC STAFF TO TAKE A LOOK AT WHAT COULD BE DONE ALONG THESE LINES.
- IN THE MEANTIME, THE DNRO SHOULD PROCEED TO DEVELOP VARIOUS SYSTEMS ALTERNATIVES WHICH PROVIDE A RANGE OF COST OPTIONS.

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- IT MIGHT ALSO BE USEFUL IF, AT THE SAME TIME, THE DNRO COULD IDENTIFY THOSE INITIATIVES/IMPROVEMENTS WHICH HE FEELS MIGHT BE REALISTICALLY DEFERRED FROM AN OPERATIONAL STANDPOINT.
- THIS SHOULD PROVIDE US A PRETTY GOOD BASIS FOR MAKING THE TOUGH CHOICES WE MAY BE FACING IN THE FALL.
- ~~ARE THERE ANY OTHER THOUGHTS OR IDEAS ON THIS SUBJECT BEFORE MR. PLUMMER BEGINS HIS BRIEFING?~~

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CFI STAFF BOOK  
4 MAY NRP CFI

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INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this book is to provide summary background information for CFI principals for the 4 May 1976 meeting which will review the National Reconnaissance Program. It is designed to supplement, not replace, the more detailed and descriptive DNRO Report.

It is organized as follows:

- A financial overview which provides trends and which places the NRP in overall NFIP perspective;
- A section containing four summary papers concerning items on which the CFI is asked to take action;
- A section of summary papers providing background on imaging systems and SIGINT systems briefings to be presented.

The intent of the 4 May CFI meeting is to provide an introductory review and status report on the NRP.

-- No new major decisions are required.

-- Informational briefings will be presented on all the major programs and activities.

-- The DNRO will seek CFI concurrence on two matters:

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CFI AGENDA

4 MAY 1976

Introductory Remarks

Mr. Bush

NRP Overview

Mr. Plummer

FY76 and TQ Status and Reprogramming

FY77-81 Fiscal Overview

Program Plans and Options

Imaging Systems

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SIGINT Systems

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IC Staff

Discussions and CFI Program Direction

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Meeting Participants

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- The currently approved Baseline Program for the NRP is shown in Table 1, and depicted graphically in Figure 1.

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- Figure 2 shows the NRP as a part of the total NFIP in program year dollars.

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- Figure 3 shows the NRP and the NFIP in constant year (1972) dollars.
  - Both the NRP and the NFIP show a declining trend in real buying power through FY77.
  - The NFIP continues to decline through FY81.
  - The NRP Baseline Program remains about constant through FY81.

25X1 [ ] cost increase in the FY78 NRP budget must be dealt with in the July-November period. The CFI must determine how to handle the cost growth in the NRP within the context of a declining NFIP. The CFI could:

- Allow the NFIP total to increase to accommodate both inflation and program growth in the NRP and other NFIP programs.
- Absorb NRP increases through cuts in other NFIP programs.
- Cancel some already approved NRP initiatives.

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Washington, D.C. 20505

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29 April 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: Members of the Committee on Foreign Intelligence

FROM

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Acting CFI Executive Secretary

SUBJECT

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Addition to CFI Briefing Book for 4 May Meeting

1. Attached is a copy of the "Proposed Chartering Memorandum"  
[Redacted] study to which reference is  
made at Tab 4 (page 15) of the briefing book already sent to you.

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2. Please insert the attached materials behind page 15  
of your notebook.

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Evaluations to Support Major CFI Imaging System Decisions  
through the Fall of 1977

- o The attached memorandum is submitted for signature by the Chairman of the CFI. It directs the Intelligence Community Staff to coordinate Community [ ] efforts to support decisions required of the CFI through the Fall of 1977.
- o The scheduled evaluation will be included in the NRO briefings for the CFI.
- o The attached memorandum has been approved by the D/DCI/IC, [ ] and coordinated with Mr. Plummer. A draft version was also coordinated with the following:

Mr. Morton Goulder

Deputy Assistant Secretary  
of Defense (Intelligence)  
NSC Staff

Mr. Richard Ober

Deputy Director for  
Collection, DIA

Mr. Carl Duckett

DDS&T/CIA

Mr. Edward Proctor

DDI/CIA

Chairman, COMIREX  
Director, NPIC

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy to the DCI for the Intelligence  
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Deputy Director Designate, Central  
Intelligence Agency  
Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of  
Defense (Intelligence)  
Director, National Security Agency  
Director of Intelligence and Research,  
State Department  
Director, National Reconnaissance Office  
Acting Director, Defense Intelligence  
Agency  
Director of Naval Intelligence  
Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence,  
U. S. Army  
Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence,  
U. S. Air Force  
Director, Defense Mapping Agency  
Director of Defense Research and  
Engineering  
Deputy to the DCI for the National  
Intelligence Officers  
Chairman, Committee on Imagery Requirements  
and Exploitation  
Director, National Photographic Interpretation  
Center

FROM : George Bush  
Chairman

SUBJECT : Evaluations to Support Major CFI Imaging  
System Decisions Through the Fall of 1977

1. The Committee on Foreign Intelligence (CFI) has  
concluded that continuing fiscal pressures make it imperative

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for the Intelligence Community to develop a broadly coordinated plan for National Reconnaissance Program (NRP) imaging systems which will provide an acceptable flow of intelligence information at minimum cost. The plan must be justified in terms appropriate to Congressional review. Work on several aspects of this plan is already underway.

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2. The purpose of the evaluations is to provide data upon which the D/NRO can base his program recommendations and upon which the CFI can base its decisions. The required data should include a Community assessment based upon the cost, performance, intelligence value, utility, and risk of alternative system mixes in the context of validated requirements and justifiable intelligence needs. Early determination

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3. The Intelligence Community Staff (ICS) will take the lead in coordinating and organizing Community efforts to provide the necessary data. In order to minimize the resources expended on this effort and to avoid large ad hoc study structures, the ICS will identify and coordinate: the required tasks in accordance with existing organizational responsibilities; the required interactions between tasks; and the scheduled milestones which must be achieved. The constraints of the annual budget process and CFI supporting preparations will dictate certain specific milestones and intermediate products.

4. The Deputy for the Intelligence Community (D/DCI/IC) is developing a plan for the conduct of this assessment in coordination with the Staffs of the other CFI principals, and the NRO. This plan was reviewed and approved by the CFI at its 4 May 1976 meeting. During the coming months, the Intelligence Community Staff will consolidate the assessment outputs for CFI review; provide overall coordination and oversight; and ensure that interested segments of the Government, both internal and external to the Intelligence Community, are kept properly informed of the assessment's scope and progress. The D/DCI/IC has designated [ ] of his Staff as the responsible officer for this effort.

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5. This assessment is to be completed in time to be used by the D/NRO in final formulation of his recommended program and for presentation to the CFI in the Fall of 1977. The assessment should be structured to provide status reports and additional support to intervening CFI meetings concerning the NRP at such other times as appropriate. CFI decisions over the next twenty months with regard to NRP Imaging Systems will be particularly significant in that they will, in large measure, determine the imagery system

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resources available to the Intelligence Community through at least the early 1980s. Thus, the importance of providing accurate, valid, coordinated data to support these decisions cannot be overstated.

George Bush

cc: Deputy Secretary of  
Defense  
Deputy Assistant to  
the President for  
National Security Affairs

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IMAGING SYSTEMS STATUS

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